

CanREAL: How You Can Get Involved in Rheumatology

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CanREAL is a subcommittee of the CRA Education Committee. CanREAL was founded on the premise of “promoting scholarship in rheumatology education” and stands for Canadian Rheumatology Education and Learning. About 15 years ago, Dr. Lori Albert originally convened a small nucleus of educators as an informal group. At the 2012 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), the group met and formed this working group subcommittee. At the 2013 CRA ASM, the CRA provided official subcommittee status.

Purpose

- Promote exchange of ideas and best practices for rheumatology education at the undergraduate and postgraduate level;
- Promote scholarship in rheumatology education in Canada.

Membership structure:

There is an open committee membership of individuals interested in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. A special welcome is extended to rheumatology trainees considering a career in medical education. Those interested in getting involved can contact:

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- Dr. Susan Humphrey-Murto, Vice-Chair: shumphrey-murto-md@toh.on.ca.
- Dr. Christopher Penney, Secretary and Chair, CRA Education Committee: penney@ucalgary.ca.

Meetings:

Face-to-face meetings are held at the CRA ASM each year. Teleconferences have been set up as needed throughout the year with the support of the CRA.

This is a national forum for collaboration in rheumatology education, innovation, and scholarship. Ongoing collaborations include developing shared projects and connections that the CRA fosters through the support of organizations such as CanREAL. There are plans to develop a new award, entitled the *Medical Education Innovation Proj-*

ect Award, which would complement the recently developed *Practice Reflection Award*. Future directions include ongoing round-table discussions amongst rheumatology educators nationally to share best practices and innovations and to provide a platform for the development of scholarship across institutions. Through collaborations within the CRA, we are enhancing web resources and the educational delivery of the CRA ASM.

If you are interested in getting involved with medical education in rheumatology nationally, join us for the next CanREAL meeting in Ottawa!

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